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Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
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Re: *Implementation of the Federal Communications Commission's Triennial  
Review Order (Nine-month Proceeding)(Switching)*  
Docket No. 03-00491

Dear Chairman Tate:

Enclosed are the original and fourteen copies of BellSouth's *Motion for Extension of Time to File Response* to MCI's *Motion to Compel*. Copies of the enclosed are being provided electronically to counsel of record, including counsel for MCI.

Very truly yours,

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: *Implementation of the Federal Communications Commission's  
Triennial Review Order (Nine-month Proceeding)(Switching)*

Docket No. 03-00491

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S MOTION  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") respectfully requests a two-day extension of time to file its response to MCImetro Access Transmission Services' and Brooks Fiber of Tennessee, Inc.'s (collectively "MCI") *Motion to Compel*. BellSouth requests that it be allowed to file its response on Friday, December 19, 2003, rather than today. MCI's First Set of Interrogatories and First Requests for Production of Documents consist of 196 discovery requests, not including sub-parts. BellSouth is diligently working on its response, but needs additional time to complete its response.

BellSouth has confirmed with Mr. Jon Hastings, local counsel for MCI, that MCI has no objection to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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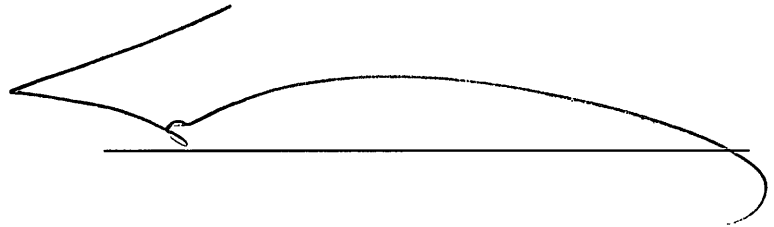
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